

In the Claims:

Please amend the claims as follows:

1. (Currently Amended) A submersible vehicle, comprising:
a hull having an external surface including a non-planar portion, the hull further having with a channel formed at least partially within the non-planar portion therein;
a sliding member disposed within the channel and moveable along at least a portion of the channel; and
a mounting assembly attached to the sliding member and including an engagement member coupled to the sliding member, the engagement member being moveable between a first position wherein the sliding member is moveable within the channel and a second position wherein the sliding member is secured in a fixed position within the channel.
2. (Original) The vehicle of Claim 1 wherein the channel is integrally formed within the external surface of the hull.
3. (Original) The vehicle of Claim 1 wherein the channel comprises a longitudinal channel.
4. (Currently Amended) The vehicle of Claim 1 wherein the channel comprises a an at least partially circumferential channel.
5. (Original) The vehicle of Claim 1 wherein the sliding member includes an engagement surface that engages a locking surface of the channel.
6. (Original) The vehicle of Claim 1 wherein the engagement member comprises a threaded member.

7. (Original) The vehicle of Claim 1, further comprising a tow point assembly attached to the mounting assembly.

8. (Original) The vehicle of Claim 1, further comprising a wing attached to the mounting assembly.

9. (Original) The vehicle of Claim 1, further comprising a tail assembly attached to the mounting assembly.

10. (Original) The vehicle of Claim 1, further comprising a propulsion unit attached to the mounting assembly.

11. (Original) The vehicle of Claim 1, further comprising a support attached to the channel and projecting forwardly of the hull.

12. (Original) The vehicle of Claim 1, further comprising a forward payload assembly including a support attached to the channel and projecting forwardly of the hull, the forward payload assembly including an imaging device.

13. (Currently Amended) A submersible vehicle, comprising:
a hull having a non-planar external surface including configured to form an elongated channel at least partially within the non-planar external surface;
a sliding member at least partially disposed within the channel and moveable along at least a portion of the channel, and



a mounting assembly attached to the sliding member and including an engagement member coupled to the sliding member, the engagement member being selectively engageable between a first position wherein the mounting assembly is moveable along the channel, and a second position wherein the mounting assembly is secured in a fixed position along the channel.

14. (Original) The apparatus of claim 13 wherein the hull comprises a substantially enclosed hull of a submersible vehicle.

15. (Original) The apparatus of Claim 13 wherein the channel is integrally formed within the hull.

16. (Original) The apparatus of Claim 13 wherein the hull extends along a longitudinal direction and the channel comprises a longitudinally-extending channel.

17. (Currently Amended) The apparatus of Claim 13 wherein the hull non-planar external surface has a circumferential portion and the channel comprises a an at least partially circumferentially-extending channel.

18. (Original) The apparatus of Claim 13, further comprising a tow point assembly attached to the mounting assembly.

19. (Original) The apparatus of Claim 13, further comprising a propulsion unit attached to the mounting assembly.

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20. (Original) The apparatus of Claim 13, further comprising a payload assembly including a support attached to the channel and projecting forwardly of the hull, the payload assembly including an imaging device.

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